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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An animal model for measuring visceral pain comprising a balloon catheter and an implantable sensor module having transcutaneous telemetring ability.
- 2. An animal model according to claim 1 wherein the balloon catheter is an implantable balloon catheter.
- 3. An animal according to claim 2 wherein the implantable balloon cathether comprises fixation means preferably consisting of two nodes to fixate the catheter.
  - 4. An animal according to claim 2 wherein the balloon catheter is implanted into the duodenum.
  - 5. An animal according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the implantable sensor module is capable of accepting a plurality of input signals.
- 6. An animal according to claim 5 wherein the implantable sensor module is set up to receive both visceromotor and pseudoaffective responses of the test animal.
  - 7. An animal according to claim 5 wherein the implantable sensor comprises at least two input ports.
- 25 8. An animal according to claim 5 wherein the implantable sensor is connected to a bipolar electrode pair and a blood catheter.
- 9. A balloon catheter consisting of biocompatible tubing (1) closed at one end with elastic material (2), characterized in that the elastic material is attached to the biocompatible tubing at a position (3) proximal from the tube end (4).



10. A balloon catheter according to claim 9 wherein the elastic material is also attached at the end of the biocompatible tubing (5) and said tubing end is rigidly sealed (6), further comprising a number of holes (7) distal from attachment point (3).

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- 11. A balloon catheter according to claims 9 or 10 further comprising fixation means that are positioned proximal from the tube end.
- 12. A system for measuring visceral pain comprising:
- a balloon catheter according to any one of claims 9 to 11; an implantable sensor module having transcutaneous telemetering ability; and an external module capable to monitor and process the telemetered signals.
- 13. A system according to claim 12 wherein the balloon catheter is implanted in the duodenum of the test animal; and wherein the implantable sensor module is set up to receive both visceromotor and pseudoaffective responses of the test animal.
- 14. A system according to claims 12 or 13 further comprising means for introducing
  20 a measured volume of inflation medium through the proximal end of the balloon
  catheter.
  - 15. A system according to claim 14 wherein the means for introducing a measured volume of inflation medium comprise a syringe.

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16. A kit for generating an animal according to claim 1 comprising a balloon catheter; an implantable sensor module having transcutaneous telemetring ability; a bipolar electrode pair; and a blood catheter.